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SUBJECT: IV LUIS BERNAL MONTES DE OCA PART II OF NOMINATION

REF: SAN JOSE 3658 & 4110; STATE 212798

THE POST HERewith SUBMITS PART II OF NOMINATION
FOR IV LUIS BERNAL MONTES DE OCA. FIGUEROA, DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR YOUTH, WORKS FOR MINISTRY OF
CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS. PAST POSITIONS:
MINISTRY CHIEF OF TRAINING AND PROFESSOR OF HISTORY,
UNIV. OF COSTA RICA. BORN IN SAN JOSE, C.R.
DECEMBER 19, 1940, COSTA RICAN, MALE, MARRIED,
HAS ONE SON 11 YEARS OLD. ADDRESS: CALLES 9-11,
AVENIDA 24 # 928, SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA. EMERGENCY
NAME WIFE MRS. NURIA DE MONTES DE OCA, SAME ADDRESS,
TELEPHONE 26-14-94. EDUCATION: B.A. IN ARTS
AND SCIENCES MAJOR IN HISTORY UNIV. OF COSTA
RICA. PUBLICATIONS: SUFRAGIO EN COSTA RICA (PAMPHLET
ON VOTING IN COSTA RICA). TRAVEL ABORAD:
U.S.A. 1968 STATE DEPT. STUDENT EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL; 1973
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND 1974 EL SALVADOR, BOTH TIMES
ON BUSIENESS. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: UNDERSTANDS
FAIRLY, SPEAKS LITTLE, WILLING TO SPEAK BEFORE
GROUPS WITH INTERPRETER. PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS:
YOUTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS OF ALL
KINDS. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: BESIDES HIS PRINCIPAL
OBJECTIVE OF FORMING ACQUAINTANCES WITH YOUTH OR-
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GANIZATIONS IN THE U.S., MONTES DE OCA HAS BEEN

ASKED BY MINISTER OF CULTURE TO OBSERVE EDUCATIONAL TV PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ("SESAME STREET" IS SHOWN HERE). IV COULD TALK WITH USIA'S ROGER WILKISON, WHO PRODUCED SPECIAL VTR ON CREATIVE TV PROGRAMMING FOR MINISTER AT REQUEST OF USIS SAN JOSE. ANOTHER INTEREST IS BUSINESSES RUN BY OR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE; MINISTRY PLANS TO START VEHICLE REPAIR SHOP, DRESS FACTORY, OTHER OCCUPATIONS TO HELP SOME OF ESTIMATED 100,000 YOUNG COSTA RICANS WHO NEITHER WORK NOR STUDY, AND IS ALSO CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF VOLUNTARY OR COMPULSORY SOCIAL SERVICE FOR YOUTHS. VISTA, OEO, C.I.P. AND BIG BROTHER PROGRAM WOULD ALL BE OF INTEREST TO NOMINEE. THIS IV WOULD ENJOY HOME HOSPITALITY. HE UNDERSTANDS SOME ENGLISH AND IS WILLING TO SPEAK ABOUT COSTA RICA AND MINISTRY'S WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE BEFORE U.S. AUDIENCES. WE RECOMMEND HE VISIT UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS BECAUSE OF TRADITIONAL TIES WITH UNIVERSITY OF COSTA RICA. MAYBE HE COULD VISIT SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS TOWARD END OF YEAR WHEN SCHOOLS BREAK FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION. PROPOSED U.S. ARRIVAL SCHEDULE: WILL SEND ETA AFTER REFTEL REPLY ON FEASIBILITY NOVEMBER 24 OR 25 TRAVEL DATE.
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